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#### PART IV-A

Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A, and I-L) made by the Government of Gujarat under the Central Acts

## LEGAL DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

#### THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT, 1952.

**No. GK/11/2021/COI/102021/47/A: WHEREAS,** the incident of fire took place at Patel Welfare Hospital, Bharuch on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2021, where in 18 (Eighteen) persons died during the fire incident on the spot;

**AND WHEREAS** considering the gravity of incident, the State Government entrusted preliminary inquiry to a two member committee consisting of Additional Chief Secretary, Labour and Employment Department and Commissioner of Municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Gujarat is of the opinion that an inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be held into this matter as this matter is of definite public importance;

**NOW, THEREFORE** in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act,1952 (60 of 1952), the Government of Gujarat hereby appoints a Commissions of Inquiry consisting of Hon'ble Justice D.A.Mehta, Former Judge of the High Court of Gujarat, to inquire into and report on and in respect of the aforesaid matter.

- 2. The following shall be the terms of reference of the said commission, namely:-
  - (a) To inquire into exact sequence of events leading to the incident of fire which occurred on 01.05.2021 at Patel Welfare Hospital, Bharuch and the causes of the aforesaid incident;
  - (b) Adequacy of fire safety measures existing at Patel Welfare Hospital at the time of incident;
  - (c) To ascertain whether the said incidence of fire and the resultant deaths were the result of negligence or breach of duty on part of any one or more authorities or individuals.
  - (d) To recommend suitable measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

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- 3. The Commission should complete the inquiry and submit its report to the State Government within three months from the date of assumption of charge pursuant to this notification.
- 4. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at Gandhinagar.
- 5. **WHEREAS** the Government of Gujarat is of the opinion that having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made by the Commission and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of Sub-section (2) to (5) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the Commission, the Government of Gujarat hereby directs, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of the said section 5, that all the provisions of the said subsections (2) to (5) the said section 5 shall apply to the said Commission.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

D. S. JOSHI,

Deputy Secretary to Government. Legal Department.

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